

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WORK MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2014, 4:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Jon Pike  
Councilmember Gil Almquist  
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes  
Councilmember Michele Randall  
City Manager Gary Esplin  
City Attorney Shawn Guzman  
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

**EXCUSED:**

**Councilmember Joe Bowcutt  
Councilmember Bette Arial**

**OPENING:**

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Almquist the invocation was offered by Mike Lee with the St. George Snow Canyon Stake.

Mayor Pike mentioned that the Sound of Music begins next week at the St. George Musical Theater. He introduced Stefanie Bevans and Derek Mellus with the Utah Film Commission.

**PRESENTATION FROM THE UTAH FILM COMMISSION:**

Mr. Mellus presented videos and a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics: Movies filmed in Utah; Utah Film Commission; Online; Filmed in Utah: Online; Filmed in St. George; Print Materials; Production Resources; Production - Partners; 2014 Sundance Film Festival; Sundance Institute Directors Labs; 2014 DOCUTAH; Spot On Commercial Contest; Utah is Epic; Granite Flats; Cloud 9; Need For Speed; Recently Completed Productions; Production in August; Motion Picture Incentive Program; MPIP Incentive vs. Dollars Left In State; Film Incentive History: 2005-2014; Recent Releases; End Credits; and Recent and Upcoming Releases. He spoke about how to get movies to film here in Washington County and St. George.

Ms. Bevans stated that financially, St. George benefits by what is left in the area when a film comes in. She mentioned that Phil Tuckett is working on growing the talent pool with regards to crew base; there is potential. Mr. Mellus scouts for locations.

Mr. Mellus explained that the visual is the best-selling point. He believes the Utah Film Commission needs to come back to the area and take additional photos. Dixie Stated University and Phil Tuckett can help bring films to Washington County and St. George.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Christina Fernandez, City Recorder